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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: RGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, KS, US

SUBJECT: FONMIN LETTER

REFS: (A) SEOUL 10268, (B) SEOUL 10183, (C) STATE 313951

1. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE NO REPLY TO THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER'S LETTER AT THE PRESENT TIME.

2. OUR POSITIONS ON BLUE HOUSE BUGGING ISSUE, KIM SANG-KUN  
CASE, LOBBYING INVESTIGATION, AND ON DESIRE FOR CONTINUATION  
OF BASIC RELATIONSHIP HAVE BEEN MADE REPEATEDLY CLEAR TO  
ROKG BOTH IN SEOUL AND IN WASHINGTON. WE DO NOT SEE ANY  
NEED TO STATE THESE POSITIONS ONCE AGAIN FOR THE RECORD.  
MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC STATEMENT BY  
FONMIN AND POLEMICAL ROKG REPORT FURTHER OBTAIN ANY NEED  
TO TREAT LETTER AS SERIOUS EFFORT TO DEAL WITH ISSUES.

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3. FINALLY, WE WOULD NOTE THAT IT HAS BEEN ROKG NOT USG  
WHICH HAS CHOSEN TO MAKE KIM SANG-KUN CASE AND PUBLIC DENIAL  
OF BUGGING ALLEGATIONS OVERRIDING BILATERAL ISSUES. IF, AS  
IT NOW APPEARS, ROKG FINALLY WILLING TO PUT THESE ISSUES  
ASIDE, WE SHOULD NOT RESURRECT THEM UNLESS REQUIRED BY OUR  
OWN INTERESTS TO DO SO.  
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